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Postal Regulatory Commission

901 New York Ave NW
Suite 200
Washington, DC

RE: Docket No. RM 2017-3

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of Reasons to Believe (RTB) and the more than 800,000 people we serve, I am writing to urge you to reconsider your proposal to increase postage rates several times the rate of inflation. These increases will have a negative impact on RTB's ability to carry out its mission and will not reform the Postal Service.

More than 90% of our funding comes from donors and monthly print mailings are how we reach out to our constituency. For nearly 35 years, RTB's mission has been to spread the Christian Gospel by demonstrating that sound reason and scientific research—including the very latest discoveries—consistently support, rather than erode, confidence in the truth of the Bible and faith in the personal, transcendent God revealed in both Scripture and nature. Our beneficiaries include professionals of the Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, and Medicine (STEMM) communities, church leaders, university professors, students of all ages, and science-minded Christians. Ultimately, we help those who are looking for truth and hope.

Each month, we send mailings to thousands of our supporters and we rely heavily on their responses to fund our organization. The proposed postal price increases will significantly limit our ability to reach our supporters by mail. The result—a substantially negative impact on our funding to help those we serve, and fewer opportunities for scientific research that provides proof of alignment between science and the Bible. A team of scientists have collectively dedicated more than 75 years to this work that has had positive life-changing effects on so many.

Reasons to Believe urges the Postal Regulatory Commission to reconsider its proposal.

Sincerely,

Hugh Ross

President and Founder, Reasons to Believe